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For some time the article of spring medicine, the Boston Transcript makes some suggestions that will doubtless call to mind the experiences of a great many people, who remember the annual drenching they used to undergo in the spring time.

"A great many," says the Boston paper, "are inclined to dose and doctor at this season who scorn the habit the rest of the year. It is an old idea, with some truth in it, to which we all cling, that the humors commence to work and worry us in the spring, although we have often met people in whom they seemed to be working pretty much the same year round. It used to be yellow doses of sulphur, cream tartar and molasses, or ginger in place of cream tartar, administered by the maternal hand, one teaspoonful at a time to each boy and girl every other morning, or for three successive mornings and then skipping three. Worse even than this were the bitter draughts of thoroughwort, or the drastic juices of wormwood or burdock root poured unrelentingly down youthful throats. Now a multitude of advertised proprietary medicines meet the eye, turn where we will, each, according to its own repository of reputed miraculous cures, the most wonderful remedy of the age. The old way is about as sure of producing results (whether for good or ill we do not venture to say) as any of the new nostrums."

CONCERNING the corn market the New York Public has the following figures and speculations: "The latest report of the agricultural bureau as to corn makes the yield of 1881 only 1,194,916,000 bushels, Illinois being down for only 178,738,000 and Iowa for 173,289,000. It is said that this report is not final, but probably accurate enough for all practical purposes. According to the reports of the bureau, then, the yield of corn in six years prior to 1881 was 8,601,000,000 bushels, or 1,433,500,000 bushels yearly, and the crop of last year is 240,000,000 bushels smaller. As it may be inferred that at least 200,000,000 bushels remained not consumed from the crop of 1880, which was 284,000,000 over the average, the legitimate inference is that the yield of 1881, with that quantity of old corn falls short of supplying the average demand by about 40,000,000 bushels. But the demand is so variable, on account of the varying production and value of pork, that the statistical comparison is of little value. Of one thing, however, there can be no doubt, the high prices which have ruled for some weeks have failed to bring much corn into market."

A COMMITTEE of investigation of the Arkansas Legislature has placed Governor Churchill, the present executive of that state, in a very awkward position. Just before he was elected governor, he was state treasurer, and it appears that he was a very dishonest or a very careless treasurer, inasmuch as the investigation of his accounts shows that he is over \$100,000 short. The governor's bondsmen will now resort to the courts to evade payment, if possible. There is this remark to be made as respects this case, in connection with Arkansas state politics—that while the Democrats have allied all along that, during the reconstruction period, the Republican "carpetbaggers" plundered the state treasury, yet it turns out that the principal state officer since the Democrats have regained control of affairs, is a worse "thief" than any "carpet bagger" was ever accused of being.

There has never been a meaner exhibition of malicious intent to do injury to a public officer than that displayed by the Chicago Tribune in its treatment of President Arthur's veto message. In huge display type among its telegraph headings it speaks of the message as "Another Echo from the Bulldog Pistol of Charles J. Guiteau," and in its editorial reference to the subject it takes pains to misrepresent the arguments of the executive and impugn his motives. This, however, should not cause surprise, since it has come to be a well-known fact that the Tribune is of late years actuated only by a spirit of revenge, and that it long ago parted company with everything that savors of principle or is in the most distant way connected with fair dealing.

The total vote in Chicago on Tuesday was 40,000 less than that cast at the presidential election in 1880, and 30,000 less than the total vote for mayor one year ago. Is it any wonder that the Democrats made a clean sweep?

The ice passed out of Lake Pepin on Tuesday, and the Mississippi river is now open to navigation from St. Paul to the Gulf of Mexico.

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It is doubtful whether Mr. Longfellow will have a finer compliment paid to the exalted character of his genius, than was spoken by Professor Swing in his sermon last Sunday, when he said:

Mr. Longfellow possessed such a broad education and such a broad nature, that his poems cover a great array of subjects, and make up by themselves quite an ethics and a politics and an aesthetics and a religion. When ethics becomes highest, when politics rise to a sympathy with slaves, when aesthetics becomes a taste for the imperishable beauty, and when religion becomes a worship in spirit and in truth, then they appear in the verses of this poet, as song. To read these writings is to be in company of the great, like those children of the old Persian Kings, who were educated in the palace, where they could hear no impolite word and see no mean action.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW bequeathed annuities for life to his sister Mrs. Annie L. Pierce, and his brother Samuel; \$1,000 to each of the children of his brother Stephen; \$5,000 to his brother Alexander; \$1,000 each to the children of George W. Green, of East Greenwich, R. I.; and the residue to his own offspring. Richard H. Dana, Jr., was named in the will as executor, but he died three years ago, and Ernest Longfellow will probably be appointed administrator.

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PHILADELPHIA long suffered notably on account of harboring a medical college where degrees were sold at so much a head. The institution was finally stamped out, with Dr. Buchanan, its projector. An insane asylum, run by a Doctor Livingston, is just now the subject of unpleasant inquiry. The institution had a brute, named Edward M. Clifford, connected with it in the capacity of physician. He had no claim to that title. His only right to the title lay in his power of administering hypodermic injections of morphia. His method was simple. When a patient required his attention, he threw a wet towel over their mouths, drew it tight until they were black in the face, and then thrust his hypodermic injection into them until he judged they had enough. A Miss Grant was sent there to be treated for nervousness. Clifford treated her so effectually that he cured her of her malady, but managed to shorten her days in the operation. He received \$50 a week. This, it must be said, is a pretty high price for simply knocking patients down, putting a wet towel over their mouths, and inserting hypodermic injections into them. As Clifford appears to be the moving principle in all these establishments, Clifford may have been but carrying out the main ideas.

Writing from New York to the Cincinnati Enquirer, "Guth" says: "While I have sent you interviews with various people on the status of the present national administration, I have not expressed any opinion of my own upon its popularity and tendency. I think, however, it is becoming stronger every day, as the president's handful of ointment is healing up the sores in the Republican party and driving out the old discontents of the one side while not offending the men who made the discontent." This opinion is concurred in by every observer who has expressed himself on the subject, and the feeling among the Democrats is especially pronounced that every day of President Arthur's administration not only strengthens the Republican party in New York, but generally throughout the Union.

PATTI's three Chicago performances brought her \$42,000. Patti says the musical criticisms of the daily press in this country are bewildering. She does not so much wonder that the papers do not agree with each other, but she charges that no paper is consistent with itself. However that may be, a cool \$14,000 a night ought to satisfy Patti as to the people's appreciation of herself, or of her fame. It is all one to her which, so long as it brings the desired amount of money.

The quotations of the market prices of legislators at Albany, furnished by a correspondent of the Sun, are as follows: "Rural members, \$100; small city members, \$250; Brooklyn members, \$500; New York city members, \$1,000." The market, however, is rather dull at the present moment, and the demand for votes is not expected to revive until the close of the session.

It is said the floods in the valley of the Mississippi will so fertilize the ground there that in some localities the earth will be so rich as to admit of planting cotton in the old rows, and checking off the fields at the same time for corn. They count on a big crop of both products. After all, nature is an impartial mother, and knows a deal more about her own business than anybody else.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—The South American Sellers was before the foreign affairs committee again to-day, and offered, for the consideration of the committee, the usual sensation. To-day he was accompanied by his wife, as usual, and came up to his place with a manuscript prepared for the occasion. The committee is giving him plenty of rope, although some of the members manifest an inclination to lose patience. It is evident that their long-suffering is merely to allow Shipperd to lay as broad a foundation as he will for the searching cross-examination to which he will be subjected when he reaches the end of his string. Williams, Kinsion, Rice, Blount and Belmont have notes of interrogations that will stagger the adventurer. He read his manuscript in a pompous manner, with the air of an oracle who was delivering an authorized homily from on high, and he rolled the name of the deity from his tongue with the unctious of a priest. His statements with reference to Gen. Hurlbut are received with considerable disgust and with manifest impatience, in view of the fact that the man he is denouncing is dead, and can never reply to the insinuations and charges of his accuser. It is thought that his intention is to draw some new men into the matter, and have Mr. Blaine or Gen. Grant summoned. He manifests an anxiety to have it known that he deals with no small fry. He attempted to make a question of Mr. Williams at the beginning of the inquiry the basis of some things he wanted to put in about Hurlbut, but he was corrected by the chairman, who explained that his question had no reference to the character of Gen. Hurlbut. Shipperd apparently goes upon the supposition that, generally speaking, his own character is above reproach. He will be allowed to go on to-morrow, probably, much as he chooses, and then the committee will take him in hand.

THE W. C. T. U. meets every Thursday at 3 p. m., in their room over Mr. Hamsher's store in Central Block.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON.

The Pious Blowing of Shipperd.

Jesse James and Those Who Want His Body.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—Mr. Sherman will introduce a Chinese bill to-day, to meet the president's suggestions.

Senator Logan leaves for Hot Springs, Ark., to-morrow. Senator Chaffee goes with him. His condition is still serious.

It is said the names of Senator Teller and William E. Chandler for secretary of the interior and secretary of the navy, respectively, will be sent to the senate to-day.

Shipperd of Peruvian fame, says General Hurlbut's death cannot close his mouth, as he is forced to tell the facts in self-defense. He says he has documents to show that Gen. Hurlbut was a blackmailer, and he has charges against Blaine. The dispatches to the Peruvian minister here indicate the highest regard for Hurlbut in Peru, and through his efforts Fern is likely to recover. A monument is to be erected to Gen. Hurlbut as a friend of the Peruvian Republic. Ex-Dictator Pirola having left Peru is in a more hopeful condition.

The veto message is generally commented on as able and just. It is doubtful now if the bill extending the charters of the national banks is reached this session. If not, the banks whose charters expire can reorganize under the law.

A joint resolution passed the house giving the use of tents to the soldiers' reunion at Rock Island, Ill.

The Democrats say they will carry Oregon at the June election, before the Republicans can recover from the effects of the veto of the Chinese bill; but they don't claim the other Pacific states.

The house is still struggling over the army bill. It looks as though the committee's amendment transferring the quartermaster's claims to the court of claims would scarcely get through. The compulsory retirement will probably pass.

The general belief is that Hurlbut's measurement of Shipperd as a knave and a fool, is a pretty just one. His course before the committee this morning justifies the belief that Shipperd's innuendoes about Blaine look very much as though Blaine had refused to comply with some of his demands, and that Shipperd was trying to bulldoze him.

Secretary Folger refuses to say much about the gubernatorial candidacy, but does not deny the general truth of the reports that he is likely to be a candidate.

The friends of Irishmen are much relieved by Secretary Frelinghuysen's report. It is learned in addition that two of the three American suspects yet in prison are likely to be soon dismissed.

St. Louis, April 5.—A special from St. Joseph to the Post-Dispatch says that Prosecuting Attorney Wallace, of Jackson county, and Mattie Collins, wife of Dick Little, arrived there this morning. They both identified the remains of Jesse James, and Wallace will take charge of the dead outlaw's effects. The remains of James have been handsomely laid out, and are now encased in an expensive casket, which is at the undertaker's awaiting the preparation of a special train which will bear them and a large party of friends and officials to the home of Mrs. Samuels, near Kearney, where the body will be buried. Captain E. Ford, a brother of Robert and Charles, arrived here this morning.

In an interview he said: I have been in this thing since last fall, and tried for several months to get Charley and Bob into it. Jesse has said that if any of us went back on him he would kill us. We thought he was after us, and for that reason went into it. I knew the boys had him located, but did not know where. It was only a question of who should shoot first, Jesse or us. We tried to get him to our house, and he did come there twice, but I was not at home either time, and nothing was done. I know where Frank James is, but don't propose to tell just now at least. He is somewhere east. Frank will avenge Jesse's death, and somebody connected with the affair will undoubtedly be killed. This matter is not yet ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5.—2:10 p. m.—The Call publishes an interview with John F. Swift, ex-treaty commissioner to China, who says, regarding the twenty-year suspension clause of the Chinese bill, that "the commissioners of both countries contemplated a considerable longer period when discussing the terms of the treaty. The Chinese commissioners understood, even better than we did, the problem of over-competition in labor, and were willing to agree to means of relief. The time of suspension was thoroughly discussed, and it was agreed that a suspension of thirty-three years, or one generation, would be necessary to remedy the evils complained of. I fully hoped the suspension could have been proposed for thirty years, and the Chinese government would not have considered the treaty trespassed on, if it had been made fifty years."

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Our new Cases will be ready April 15th; our old ones are sold and part of them shipped. We have either to sell off all CLOCKS and SILVERWARE, or else pile them up in the back room for three weeks.

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When our store is completed, we will be better able to display lots of goods we have been obliged to keep in drawers and the safe, and intend to enlarge our already large variety of goods.

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Got Into Court.

There was something of a racket among the colored population in "Africa" on Monday last, and as a result of the stormy fracas Josephine White caused Justice Curtis to issue a city warrant for the arrest of the alleged offenders, Sarah Young, Hattie Moore and Nellie Posey, on a general charge of having disturbed the peace of the city on the day stated. The parties were arrested by Marshal Hewes, and this forenoon the case came up for trial before Curtis, E. P. Vail appearing for the city, and Thomas Lee and D. C. Corley for the defendants.

The attorneys consumed several hours in arguments on the prayer of the defendants to have the case tried by a jury without advancing the fees, and without obtaining a decision on this point further proceedings were postponed until this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the Justice decided in favor of the city.

A SHAM AUDIENCE.

For the third time was Hoey & Hardie's play, "A Child of the State," presented at the opera house last night before a small audience. The plot of the play is simple in character, but the interest is quite sufficient to hold an intelligent assembly of spectators, such as made up the pleased audience last evening. It is not probable that H. & H. will do their play in Decatur again. It doesn't seem to draw here, though there is a great deal of merit in it and affords the thoroughly drilled actors and actresses fine opportunities to say and do something to win tumultuous applause. The combination is a strong one, but we hope that when they visit us again they will give us a change in the bill.

The Dance To-Night.

The following order of dances has been arranged for the Prof. Leonard assembly this evening:

1-Quadrille.

2-Newport.

3-Waltz.

4-Quadrille.

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10-Waltz.

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12-Quadrille.

13-Raguette.

14-Newport.

15-Nine Pin.

16-Waltz Home.

Grand March 9 o'clock.

The Cause of It.

Something of a whitewash nature has made its appearance on the walls of brick buildings. We have heard many ask the question, what is it? A builder informed a reporter that it was saltpetre which had been driven out of the brick by the wet, damp weather, immediately followed by a sudden dry atmosphere. Saltpetre abounds in the clay from which the brick are made. Many buildings have been disfigured by nature's work. The use of a little paint would obliterate it.

CONSIDERABLE talk is heard upon the streets with reference to the proposed action of the prohibitionists of Decatur who will meet in convention in the court house on Tuesday evening and place in nomination 10 no-license candidates for aldermen, to be voted for at the city election to be held on the 18th inst. The opponents of the whisky traffic hope to elect two aldermen in the second ward, one and perhaps two in the third, and one in the first ward. If they accomplish this the leaders say they will be satisfied for this year, and when 1883 rolls round they expect to elect the mayor and hold their own in the wards. The convention on Tuesday night will be composed of 150 delegates, 50 from each of the five wards, who will be selected at the primaries to-morrow evening. The license men say they will have candidates in the field.

If two or three bottles of muscadine, left unstoppered, are put in prominent places in a room, all insects will soon leave. Keep the house as clear as possible of rats. If they will not enter the trap set for them, drop a little oil of choline in the traps; that will attract them. It all steel or tinware is well rubbed with lard and then with common unslacked lime before being put away, it will never rust. This is also the best plan to remove rust.

THE condemned mud hole back of the Walsh and Central freight house is to be made as solid as a large quantity of stone and gravel can make it, so that the draymen may never again have occasion to grumble. Yesterday the Illinois Central superintendent indicated what ought to be done to make a solid and everlasting bottom, and his orders, together with those of the Walsh folks, will be observed.

JESSE MILLER, who, in connection with his son, almost killed John Murtz in a billiard row at Shelbyville, the particulars of which were published in the Republican at the time, returned home the other day, and was immediately arrested. He gave bond for his appearance for trial in May in the sum of \$1,000, and was released. Jesse's son is still at liberty.

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